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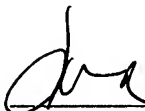
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In re the application of
Stefan Schmidt

Docket NO.: 21195.PUS

Serial No.: 10/009,980

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Filed: October 26, 2001

For: **ARRANGEMENT FOR OPTICAL EVALUATION OF AN OBJECT ARRAY**

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to Examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

15. (Newly added). Arrangement for optical evaluation of an object array (1) comprising:

a detector array (7),

a microlens array (2), which is disposed in front of the object array (1), as viewed

in the direction of the detector array (7),

a field lens (3), which is disposed in front of the object array (1), as viewed in the